

Amendments to the Specification

Page 6, beginning with line 13, amend the paragraph as follows.

By using a key such as key 10, to open a locking-type toner hopper such as toner hopper 24, the present invention avoids the need for an end user to purchase a specially manufactured toner refilling device or container which has specialized components for coupling with hopper devices such as locking mechanism 26 and/or specialized engaging surfaces formed on hopper 24. These specialized containers are often complicated and/or expensive to design, manufacture or maintain and are therefore costly. Therefore, by using key 10, which is of simple design, an end user can avoid the cost and inconvenience associated with buying a complicated toner refilling device, since the hopper can be unlocked with the key and filled with a relatively simply designed toner bottle. Furthermore, by providing a key 10 with a plurality of projections 16 that are arranged so that two different toner hoppers (corresponding to the indicia A and B indicated on the key) can be unlocked with the key, a single key 10 can be packaged with one type of toner bottle, that can be used to refill any image forming apparatus that uses either of the two hoppers. Therefore, it will not be necessary for retailers and end users to stock a different key for every different kind of image forming apparatus which they may have and/or sell parts for.